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## ICCAT CIRCULAR # 3294/2023

**SUBJECT: ICCAT WORKSHOP IN WEST AFRICA FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF STATISTICAL DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING ON SMALL SCALE (ARTISANAL) FISHERIES** (*in-person/Dakar (Senegal), 12-16 June 2023*)

Following ICCAT Circular # 2665 of 31 March 2023, I am pleased to inform you that the ICCAT Secretariat recently awarded a short-term contract to Dr David Die ([dddejean@kutaii.com](mailto:dddejean@kutaii.com)) (USA) to prepare and develop a regional workshop in West Africa for the improvement of statistical data collection and reporting on small scale (artisanal) fisheries, which is scheduled for 12-16 June 2023 in Dakar (Senegal).

The workshop will involve statistical correspondents from the following Western African countries:

- Cabo Verde
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Gabon
- Ghana
- Republic of Guinea-Bissau
- Liberia
- Mauritania
- Nigeria
- Republic of Guinea
- São Tomé e Príncipe
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- The Gambia

The general objective of this workshop is to improve the monitoring and reporting of artisanal tuna and tuna-like fisheries, namely of billfishes, small tuna and tropical tuna artisanal fisheries statistics in these regions. To achieve this objective, preliminary work must be carried out by the statistical correspondents prior to the workshop. It is expected that each statistical correspondent engaged in the workshops submits an SCRS document with a **detailed description of the current national fisheries data collection program**. Accordingly, the Head Delegates from the above ICCAT Contracting Parties are kindly requested to nominate **by 28 April 2023 at the latest**, the name and contacts of the statistical correspondent responsible for reporting data to ICCAT, that should attend the workshop. ICCAT will support the travel and subsistence costs of all the invited participants.

In addition, ICCAT will also invite **one scientist** from each of the above-listed ICCAT Contracting Parties to participate in the workshop. Each invited scientist should be familiar with the Contracting Party's fisheries and have expertise relevant to the collection of data on these fisheries. Accordingly, interested scientists meeting these qualifications can apply for funding, by submitting their bids to [info@iccat.int](mailto:info@iccat.int) by **28 April 2023 at the latest**. They should include a brief CV and a description of the rationale behind their interest in attending the workshop. The selection of the candidates will be made by an Evaluation Panel, composed by the SCRS Chair, the Workshop Coordinator and the ICCAT Secretariat. I would appreciate it very much if you could distribute this announcement to scientists who may contribute by participating in the meeting. This announcement will shortly be published also on the ICCAT [current meetings webpage](#).



Please receive the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Executive Secretary*



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